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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

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For: IMAGE STORING APPARATUS AND IMAGE STORING PROGRAM

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Thirty-Three (33) pages
- Fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on Application No(s). 2001-040788 and 2001-236363 filed in JAPAN on February 16, 2001 and August 3, 2001, respectively.
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a.  --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. 2001-040788 and 2001-236363 filed in JAPAN on February 16, 2001 and August 3, 2001, respectively, which is herein incorporated by reference.--
- b.  --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No. filed on , which is herein incorporated by reference.--
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.76
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other: Information Sheet
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- Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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